

### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, Washington 98101-3140

June 12, 2009

Reply To

Attn Of: OWW-130

#### **CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Richard Wolters Goldrich Mining Company 3412 S. Lincoln Drive Spokane, Washington 99203-1650

Re:

Coverage under the General Permit for Placer Mining in Alaska (GP)

AKG-37-0810

Spring Creek

Dear Mr. Wolters:

Enclosed is a copy of your GP authorizing wastewater discharges to Spring Creek in Alaska. Please note that this permit is valid only for the receiving water that is on the front cover of the permit. A move to another receiving water or an operation on a different receiving water is not covered by this permit.

Please note the monitoring and reporting requirements of the permit. An annual report is due to EPA by January 31 of each year for the previous year's activities. This report must include any monitoring results or a report of "No Mining" or "No Discharge," whichever is applicable.

This general permit expires in October 2010. If, during this time, you no longer need coverage under the general permit, please inform EPA so that your permit can be inactivated and you will no longer be responsible for the requirements of the permit. Also, if you move to another address, please keep EPA informed. This will result in your receiving any reminders for reporting and/or renewing the general permit.

If you have technical questions regarding this permit please contact Cindi Godsey in our Anchorage office at (907) 271-6561 or toll free in Alaska at (800) 781-0983.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Lidgard, Manager

NPDES Permits Unit

**Enclosures** 

cc: Ashley Anderson - ADEC/Fairbanks Jack Kerin - ADNR/Fairbanks F9953 Jim Barker, Agent

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# AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) FOR MECHANICAL PLACER MINING IN ALASKA

General Permit No.: AKG-37-0000

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, P.L. 100-4, the "Act":

Owners and operators of Mechanical Placer Mines except those sites excluded from coverage in Part I. of this NPDES permit, are authorized to discharge only in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other provisions set forth herein.

## A COPY OF THIS GENERAL PERMIT MUST BE KEPT AT THE SITE OF THE PLACER MINE AT ALL TIMES.

### **Goldrich Mining Company**

### **Spring Creek**

This permit will become effective on October 7, 2005.

This permit and the authorization to discharge this permit shall expire at midnight on October 7, 2010.

Signed this 24th day of August, 2005.

s./s Robert R. Robichaud for Michael F. Gearheard Director Office of Water & Watersheds

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

Michael F. Gearheard

Director

Office of Water & Watersheds